

- c. Complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education; (8-4-94)
- d. Pay a reinstatement fee as set by the Board; (8-4-94)
- e. Make an appearance before the Board. (8-4-94)

192. -- 250. (RESERVED).

251. PHARMACY TECHNICIANS.

01. Definition - Pharmacy Technician. Means an individual, registered with the Board who is employed or otherwise authorized by a pharmacy registered with the Board to perform routine functions, that do not require the use of a licensed pharmacist's professional judgment, in connection with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications at such pharmacy, and who has been adequately trained therefor according to the written standards of such pharmacy. Such written standards shall be available to the Board and its designated personnel for inspection and/or approval. (5-3-03)

02. Responsibility of Pharmacy and Pharmacist -- Assignment of Functions. (4-5-00)

a. The pharmacy and the pharmacist-in-charge are each responsible for all aspects of the sale at retail and the dispensing of medications, drugs, devices, and other materials at the pharmacy, including the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications. No pharmacy or pharmacist may allow assignment to, or permit performance by, any individual, other than a registered pharmacy technician, a registered pharmacist extern/intern, or a licensed pharmacist, of any functions connected to the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications at the pharmacy. (5-3-03)

b. The pharmacy or the pharmacist-in-charge may assign to, or allow performance by, a registered pharmacy technician, only of those functions connected with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications, which meet all of the following criteria: (5-3-03)

- i. The function is routine; (4-5-00)
- ii. The function is one for which the pharmacy technician is adequately trained and supervised; and (4-5-00)
- iii. The function does not require the use of a licensed pharmacist's professional judgment. (4-5-00)

c. Only a registered pharmacist may do any of the following (which, without limiting the scope of the term "professional judgment", is a non-exclusive list of actions requiring a licensed pharmacist's professional judgment): (4-5-00)

- i. Receive a new prescription order verbally from a prescriber or other person authorized by law. (4-5-00)
- ii. Perform evaluations and interpretations of a prescription and any needed clarifications prior to filling. (4-5-00)
- iii. Consult with the prescriber concerning any necessary clarification regarding a patient and his prescription. (4-5-00)
- iv. Interpret any clinical data in a patient's medication record system (e.g., drug usage, refill frequency, drug interactions, etc.) (7-1-93)
- v. Perform professional consultation with any prescriber, nurse or other health care professional. (7-1-93)
- vi. Supervise the packaging of drugs and check the completed procedure and product. (7-1-93)

vii. Issue the new prescription to the patient or his agent with consultation. (7-1-93)

viii. Supervise the activities of pharmacy technicians to insure that all such activities are performed completely, safely and without risk or harm to patients. (4-5-00)

d. A violation of the rules on pharmacy technicians by a pharmacist or a pharmacy is unprofessional conduct, and is grounds for revocation or suspension of the pharmacist's license and/or the pharmacy registration issued under Sections 54-1722, 54-1723, 54-1724 or 54-1729, Idaho Code, or other appropriate disciplinary action. (4-5-00)

03. Supervision. Where a pharmacy technician performs one (1) or more functions in connection with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of, the pharmacy technician shall be under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist who, in addition to the pharmacy and the pharmacist-in-charge, shall be responsible for all aspects of the filled prescription including, but not limited to the following: (4-5-00)

a. Verifying drug selection, strength, dosage form and labeling against the prescription and the contents of stock container. (7-1-93)

b. Verifying selection of the proper prescription container. (7-1-93)

04. Pharmacy Technician Ratio. The ratio of pharmacists to pharmacy technicians shall be not less than one (1) pharmacist for every three (3) pharmacy technicians in any practice setting. (4-6-05)

05. Responsibility of Pharmacy Technicians. (4-5-00)

a. Pharmacy technicians shall perform all functions properly assigned to them with all necessary care. No pharmacy technician shall accept assignment of, or perform, any functions connected with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications unless such pharmacy technician is employed or otherwise authorized by the assigning pharmacy and such function meets all of the criteria set forth in Subsection 251.02.b. (5-3-03)

b. The Board of Pharmacy may initiate proceedings against pharmacy technicians who perform such tasks or functions connected with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications: (4-5-00)

i. That are not routine functions; (4-5-00)

ii. That the pharmacy technician is not adequately trained and supervised for; or (4-5-00)

iii. That require the use of a licensed pharmacist's professional judgment. Such persons may be charged by the appropriate authorities with practicing pharmacy without a license in violation of Section 54-1726, Idaho Code. (4-5-00)

c. The Board of Pharmacy may initiate proceedings against pharmacy technicians who perform such tasks or functions connected with the preparing, compounding, distribution or dispensing of medications in a negligent or improper manner or otherwise violate the rules on pharmacy technicians. Such violations shall be grounds for revocation or suspension of the pharmacy technician's registration, or other appropriate disciplinary action. (4-5-00)

06. Identification of Pharmacy Technicians. (7-1-99)

a. All pharmacy technicians working as such in community pharmacies must be identified by a name badge designating that person as a pharmacy technician. The name badge must measure no less than one (1) inch by three (3) inches and must contain the individual's printed name directly above the title of pharmacy technician. The identification badge must be clearly visible at all times. Pharmacy technicians working in an institutional setting may be exempt from the above requirement only if the institution requires a specific badge of identification to be worn by the pharmacy technician. (4-5-00)